

SOCIAL SERVICES BLOCK GRANT

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WHAT IS THE SOCIAL SERVICES BLOCK GRANT

A federal source of funds created in 1981 as a block grant to states.

Services are targeted to children, adults, families, elderly, and persons with physical disabilities and persons with developmental disabilities.

Services are to assist people to achieve or maintain economic self support, self-sufficiency, family preservation, and to prevent the neglect, abuse or exploitation of children and families.

69% of SSBG funds are planned by the Arizona Department of Economic Security (DES); and 31% are planned by local Councils of Governments and Indian Tribes based upon the highest priority needs in their regions.

All SSBG funds are contracted by DES to community-based organizations.

566,718 clients in Arizona were served last year with SSBG funds.

HOW MUCH SSBG DOES ARIZONA RECEIVE

Arizona received \$31.7 million in FFY-00 and \$30.8 million in FFY-02 - a 13% reduction.

Arizona expects to receive \$30.8 Million in FFY-2003.

TRENDS & FLUCTUATIONS IN SSBG FUNDING

The federal allotment for SSBG funding over the last nine years has fluctuated a great deal from year to year, from a level of \$2.8 billion in 1991 to \$1.9 billion in 1999, and \$1.7B in 2001.

Some federal analysts predict that SSBG will be zeroed out within the next four years.

The House voted to fund SSBG at \$1.7 billion. There is also a proposed amendment to return SSBG to the authorized level of \$2.38 billion. A conference committee will determine the finalized allocation.

WHAT IS NEEDED

Urge Arizona's Congressional Delegation to keep SSBG funding at the \$1.7 billion level and request their support of legislation to return SSBG to \$2.38 billion, the amount provided only a few years ago.

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HOW ARE SSBG FUNDS USED IN ARIZONA (1998-1999)

Children's services received \$9.5 million and served 152,718 children.

Aging services received \$7.5 million, providing such things as adult protective services to 9,754 adults and home delivered meals to 13,217 elderly and disabled persons.

Community services (case management, domestic violence, homeless services) receive \$3.7 million, serving 72,082 adults with case management, sheltering 13,384 adults and providing legal services to 3,152 adults.

Persons with disabilities received \$3.3 million, including services for 1,369 disabled adults and children.

Persons with developmental disabilities received \$409,000, providing such things as therapies, employment services and respite.

Food bank services statewide are provided with these funds.